

REMARKS

Status of the Claims:

The Office Action dated March 24, 2006 has been received and reviewed by the applicant. Claims 1 and 3-15 are pending in the application. Claims 10 and 12 are allowed. Claims 3-7 stand rejected. Claims 1, 6-9, 11, and 13-15 stand objected to. The specification was objected to by the examiner.

The indicated allowability of claims 3-15 is withdrawn. Rejections and objections of the claims follow.

Claim Rejection - 35 USC §112

Claims 3-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as failing to set for the subject matter which applicant(s) regard as their invention.

Claims 9 and 14 are objected to as being dependent on objected claim 13.

The Applicant has addressed the Examiner's cited objections in Claims 1, 6-8, 11, 13, and 15 by amending these claims to provide greater definiteness regarding the claimed features.

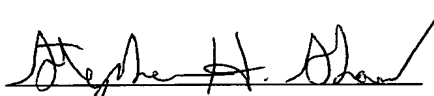
The Examiner has stated that claims 10 and 12 are allowed; and that claims 1, 8, and 13 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the objections set forth in the March 24, 2006 office action. Additionally, claims 9, 11, 14, and 15, according to the Examiner, would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the objections set forth in the March 24, 2006 office action; and if these claims included all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Given that independent claim 10 is allowable, the Applicant believes in good faith that the claims, which depend from claim 10 are all allowable as well in light of the applicant addressing the Examiner's objections. Likewise, independent claims 8 and 13 are now believed to be allowable; therefore,

their respective dependent claims (e.g., claims 9, 14, and 15) are allowable for at least the same reasons.

If there are any formal matters remaining after this response, Applicants' attorney would appreciate a telephone call to attend to these matters.

In view of the foregoing, this application is believed to be in condition for allowance, the notice of which is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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